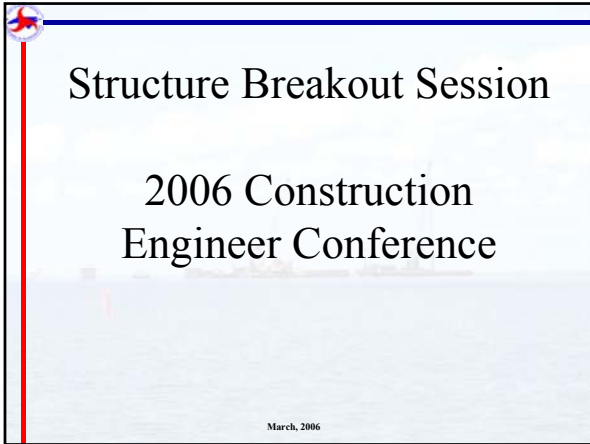


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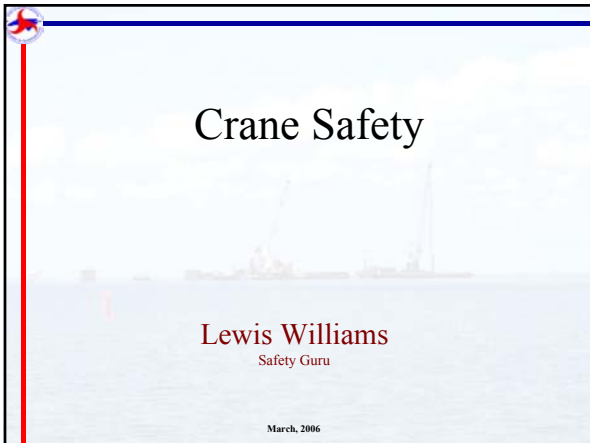
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# Structures Breakout

## Special Provision

- NC DOT policy effective date
  - July 2006
- Critical Lifts
- Operator Certification
- Competent Person
- Inspections
- Qualified Rigger

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## Critical lift Definition

- CFR 1926.751
- (1) exceeds 75 percent of rated crane capacity.
- or
- (2) requires the use of more than one crane.

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## Rated Crane Capacity

- A crane's rated capacity is NOT as simple as 50 ton crane lifting 37.5 tons.
- A 50 ton Link Belt crane with a 100 foot of boom lifting
- 8 ton beam at a radius of 40 feet
- 70% of rated capacity.

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## Crane Operator Certification

- crane operators performing critical lifts shall be certified by NC CCO (National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators)

### OR

- Satisfactorily complete the Carolinas AGC's Professional Crane Operator's Proficiency Program. Other approved nationally accredited programs will be considered upon request. All crane operators shall also have a current CDL medical card.
- Operator certification for the type of crane operated (small hydraulic, large hydraulic, small lattice, large lattice) and medical evaluations for each.

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## Inspections

- Inspection records for all cranes shall be current and readily accessible for review upon request.
  - Frequent
    - » Written Visual
    - » daily to monthly (30 day)
    - » Post assembly of lattice boom
  - Periodic---
    - » Tear down
    - » Monthly to Yearly

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## Power Line Clearances

- 0-50 kV    10 feet    Distribution
- 50-200 kV    15 feet    Transmission
- 200-350 kV    20 feet    Overland Transmission

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# Structures Breakout

## Competent Person

- Responsible for crane safety and lifting operations.
  - Certified Operator
  - Contract Engineer
- The competent person will have the responsibility and authority to stop any work activity due to safety concerns.

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## Qualified Rigger

- Qualifications and experience should include, but not be limited to, weight calculations, center of gravity determinations, selection and inspection of sling and rigging equipment, and safe rigging practices.

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## Structure Types and Construction Access Issues

**Ron Hancock**

State Bridge Construction Engineer

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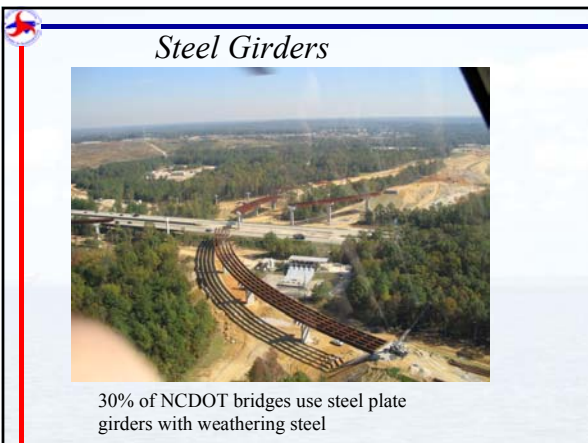
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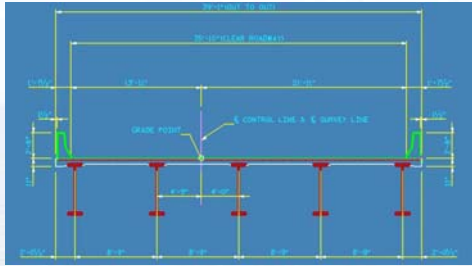
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# Structures Breakout



## Steel Superstructure

- Long Spans
- Flexibility on Superstructure Depth
- Curved Girders



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## Prestressed Concrete



70% of NCDOT bridges use prestress concrete superstructures

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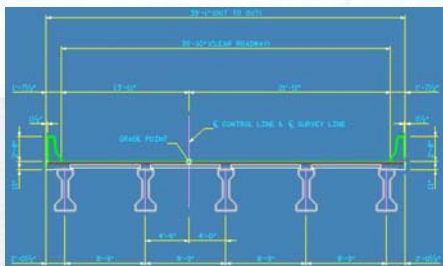
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## Concrete Superstructure

- Standardized Girder Sections
- Durability
- Corrosive Environments



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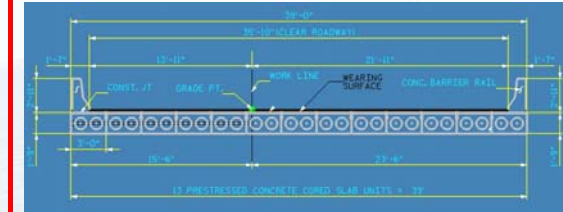
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## Cored Slabs

- Maximum Span Length - 60 ft.
- Shallow superstructure depth
- Can be constructed using top-down construction
- Top-down construction is limited to 50 ft.




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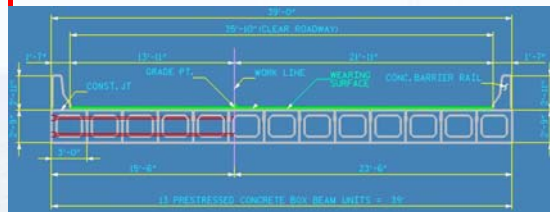
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## Box Beams

- Benefits similar to cored slab bridges
- Maximum Span Length 100 ft.
- May allow use of single span and elimination of costly foundations




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## Typical Span Ranges

Material	Girder Type	Span Range
Steel	I - Girder	90' – 300+'
Prestressed Concrete	I - Girder	40' – 130'
	Box Beam	60' – 100'
	Cored Slab	20' – 60'

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# Structures Breakout




## Constructibility


- *Access Issues*



Workbridge



Causeway



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## • Causeway



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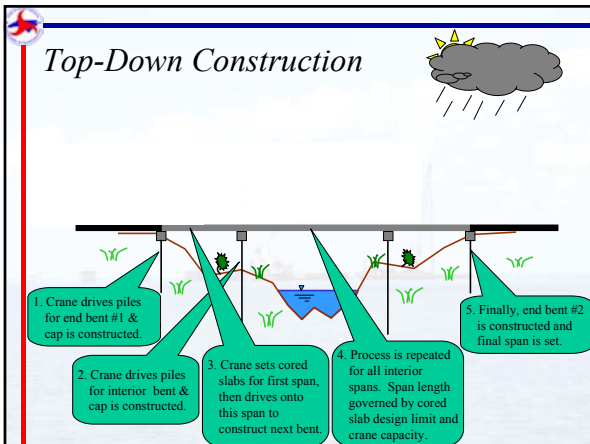
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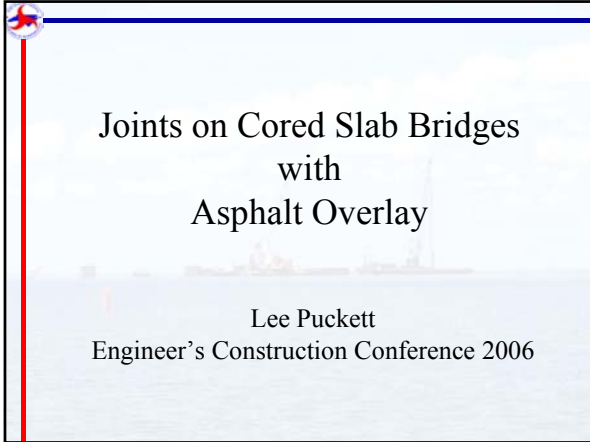
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Joints on Cored Slab Bridges  
with  
Asphalt Overlay

Lee Puckett  
Engineer's Construction Conference 2006

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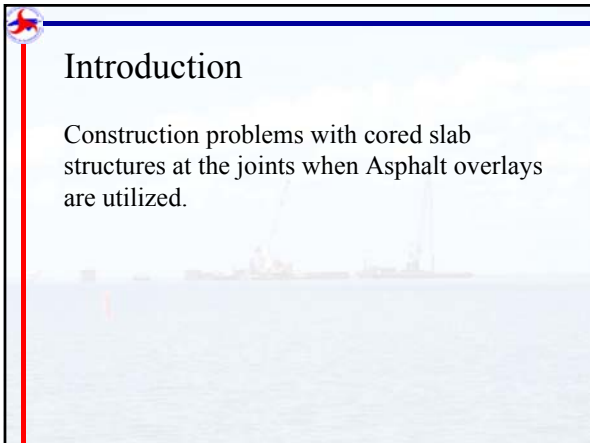
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Introduction

Construction problems with cored slab structures at the joints when Asphalt overlays are utilized.

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Topics of Discussion

**Old** Design vs. **New** Design

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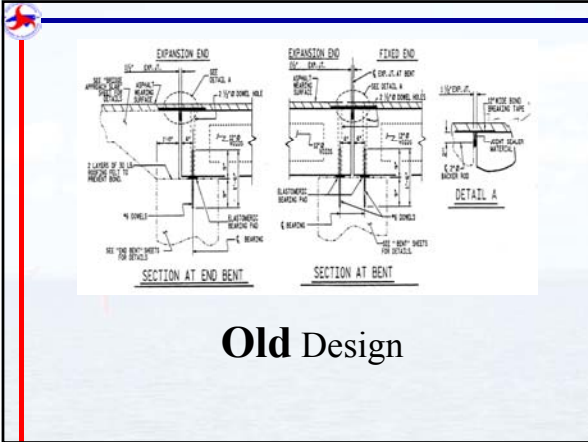
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## Old Design Method Of Construction

Expansion dowel holes are filled 1/2 full with joint sealant material and completed with grout.

Backer rod material is placed approx. 2" from top of cored slab and joint sealant material placed from backer rod to top of slab unit.

Bond breaking material placed over joint prior to asphalt paving

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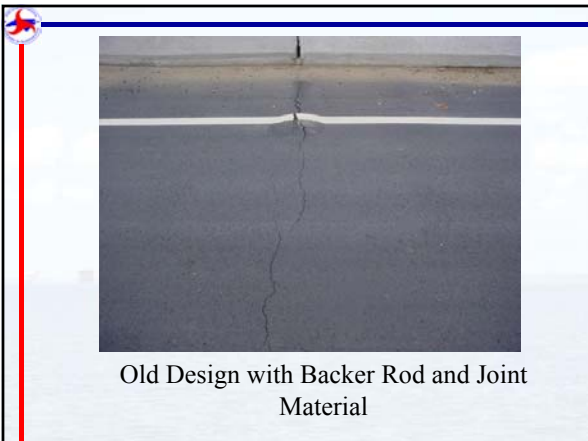
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Utilizing OLD design, cracking measured approx. 3/4"

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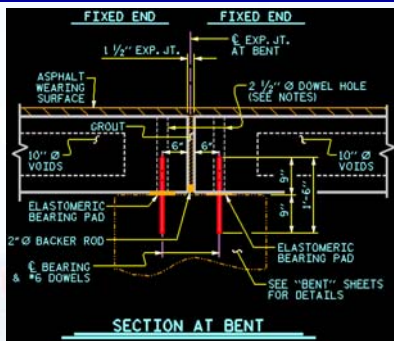
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New Design

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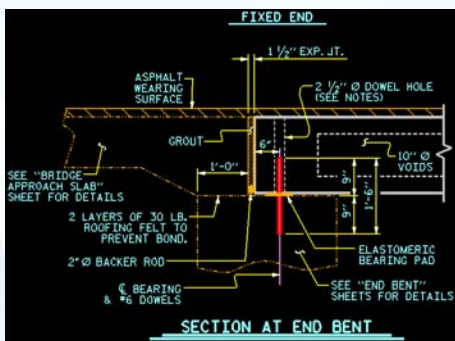
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New Design

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# Structures Breakout

## New Design Method of Construction

All dowel holes(expansion and fixed) are to be completely filled with grout.

Backer rod is to be placed at the **BOTTOM** of the joint and the joint is to be filled to the top of the slab with grout material. This is at **ALL** joints.

Placement of bond breaking material has been eliminated.

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## Application of New Design

Cored slab bridges of any length, which are detailed with an asphalt overlay.

Cored slab bridges up to 150' in length, which are detailed with a concrete overlay.

Existing projects with an "OLD" design should be **revised** to "NEW" design. Questions pertaining to this should be directed to your Bridge Const. Engineer.

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New detail with minimal cracking

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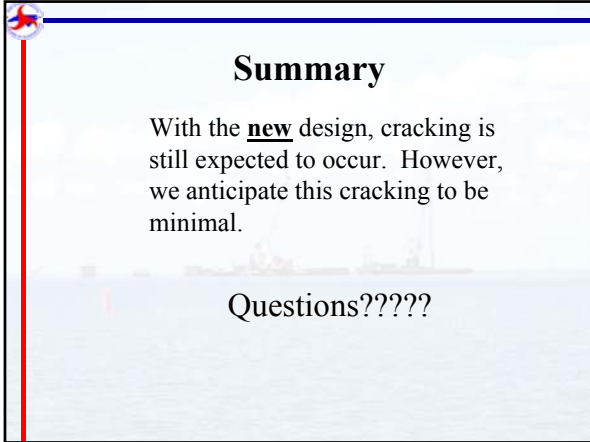
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## Summary

With the **new** design, cracking is still expected to occur. However, we anticipate this cracking to be minimal.

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## Questions?

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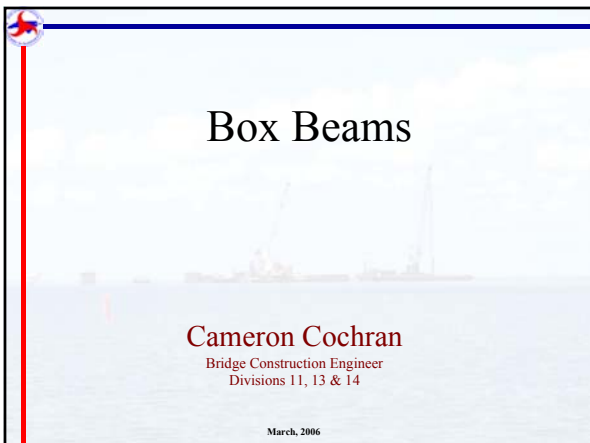
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## Box Beams

**Cameron Cochran**  
Bridge Construction Engineer  
Divisions 11, 13 & 14

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What is a Box Beam??




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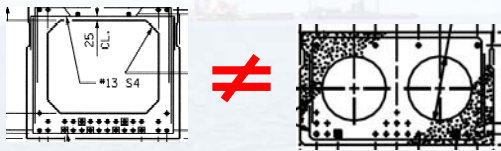
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Box Beams

Box Beam  $\neq$  Cored Slab




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Differences

	Cored Slab	Box Beam
Strand Size	.5"	.6"
Strands Per Diaphragm	1	2
Tension	30,000#	43,950#
Max. Length	$\approx 60'$	$\approx 100'$

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INTERIOR BOX BEAM SECTION

# Structures Breakout

Innards of a  
Box Beam




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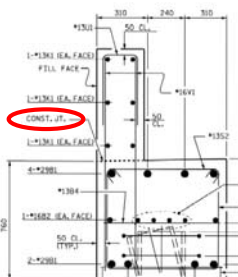
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Backwall




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Reinforced approach fill

**Inset 'B'**

Height of Backwall	Number of Fabric Layers
1400-1750	3
1760-2200	4
2210-2650	5
2660-3100	6
3110-3550	7

Note: Cored Slab Structures Require 2 Fabric Layers.

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# Structures Breakout



## Tensioning

Tension the bars or strands in the diaphragm nearest mid-span first. Proceed to tension bars or strands in the adjacent diaphragms. Continue the tensioning operation in a symmetric manner along the length of the span. At each diaphragm location, maintain a **symmetric** tension force between each pair of bars or strands in the diaphragm.



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## Tensioning

PSI  $\neq$  Pounds

Gauges read in PSI.  
This must be converted to pounds.  
Jacks should have a table showing the relationship of the dial reading to actual pounds of tension.



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# Structures Breakout

## Grading sidewalks and rails

- If sidewalks are on the box beams they need to be variable height. This allows rail to be constant height.
- If only rail is called for, the bottom of the rail should be variable height.
- Contractor should get centerline and gutterline elevations.

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## Problems

- Barrier rail steel too high
- Irregularities magnified

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Call Billy  
Trivette, He's  
Eager to Assist  
You!!!



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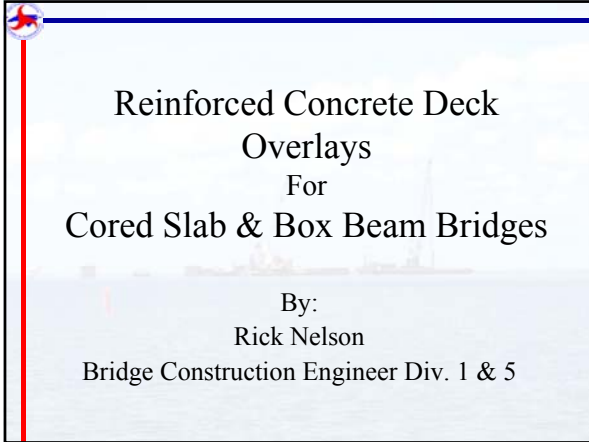
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# Structures Breakout



Reinforced Concrete Deck  
Overlays  
For  
Cored Slab & Box Beam Bridges

By:  
Rick Nelson  
Bridge Construction Engineer Div. 1 & 5

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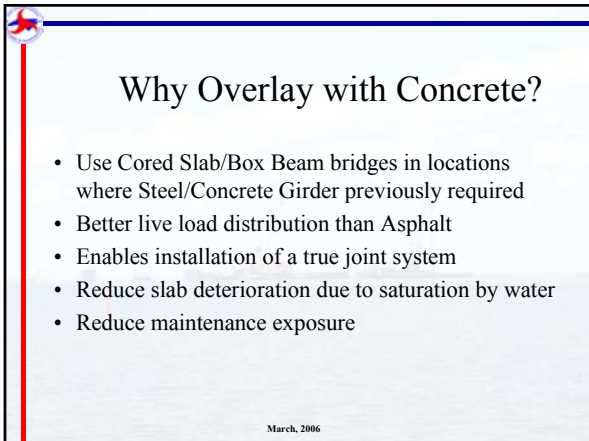
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Why Overlay with Concrete?

- Use Cored Slab/Box Beam bridges in locations where Steel/Concrete Girder previously required
- Better live load distribution than Asphalt
- Enables installation of a true joint system
- Reduce slab deterioration due to saturation by water
- Reduce maintenance exposure

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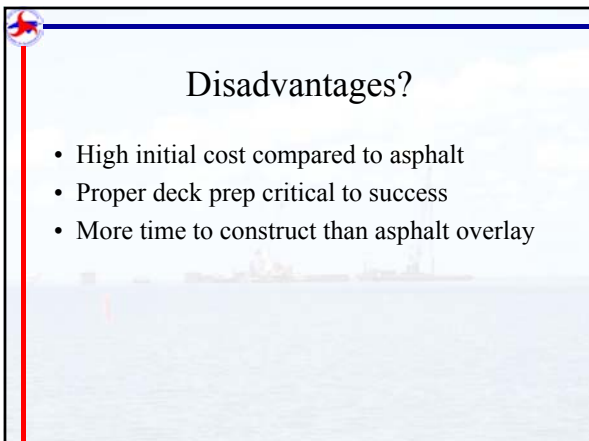
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Disadvantages?

- High initial cost compared to asphalt
- Proper deck prep critical to success
- More time to construct than asphalt overlay

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## Overlay Special Provision

- Slabs shall have a raked finish (not broomed)
- Sandblast/Pressure wash thoroughly prior to overlay
- Soak & cover surface for 12 hrs prior to placing overlay
- Rebar will typically be #3 Bars @ 6" O.C. each way
- Use Class AA Concrete w/ 78M aggregate & Fly Ash

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## Grading the Deck for the Overlay

- Will not have a deflection table.
- Grade deck off profile grade line.
- Check minimum deck thickness at midspan.
- Compare to profile grade.
- Adjust fills as needed to achieve desired final grade

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## Is there a project selection process?

- “Why did you put that on a dead end road with 2 houses?”

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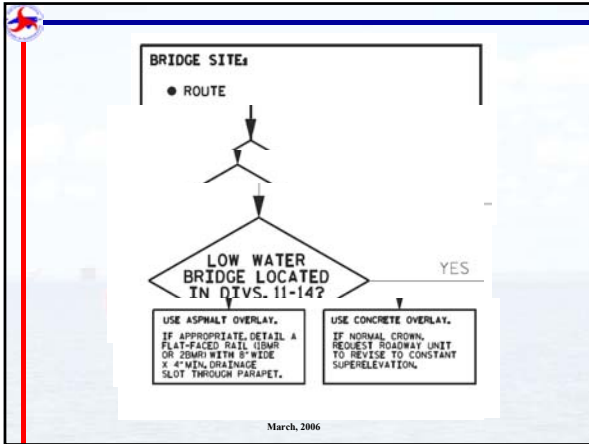
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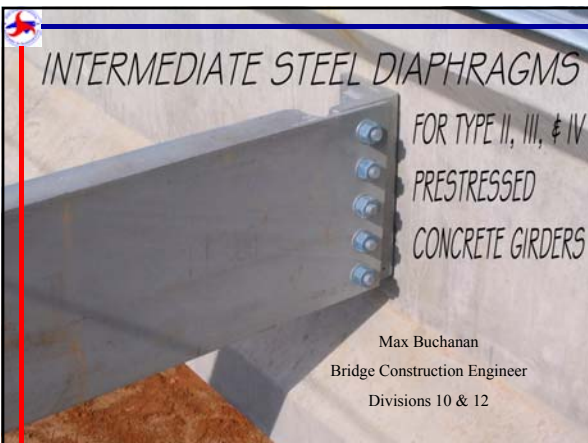
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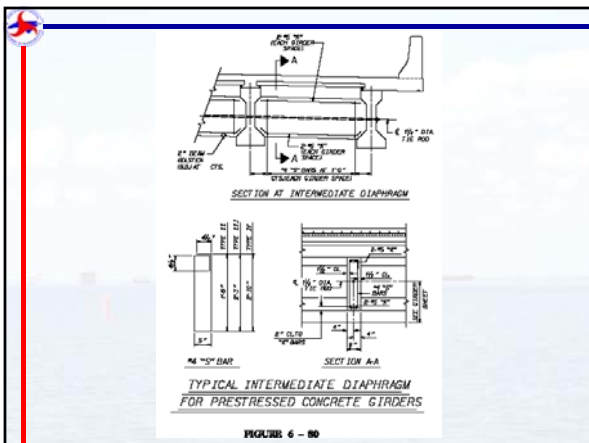
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**BOTTOM LINE....**

FORM & POUR - 3 DIAPHRAGMS / DAY  
WAIT...WAIT...WAIT FOR CURE / STRENGTH  
WRECK FORMS, ETC.

10 DAYS FOR TYPICAL  
3 SPAN / 4 GIRDER BRIDGE

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## Intermediate Diaphragms

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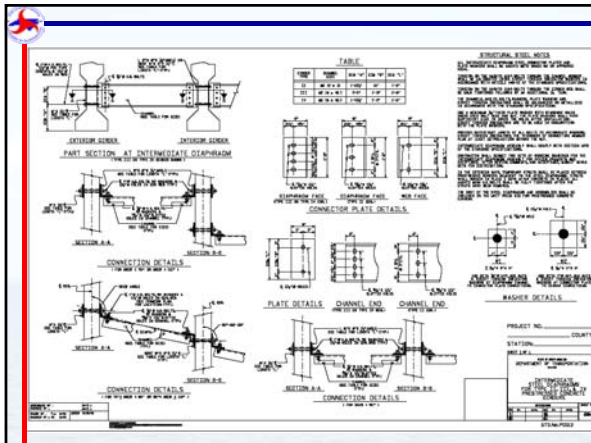
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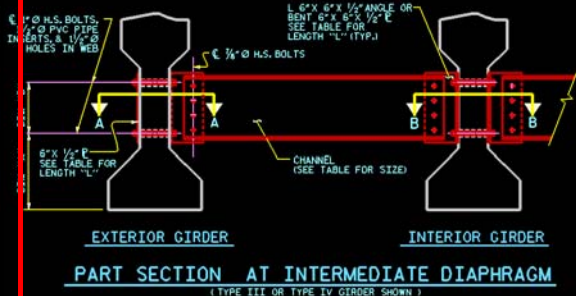
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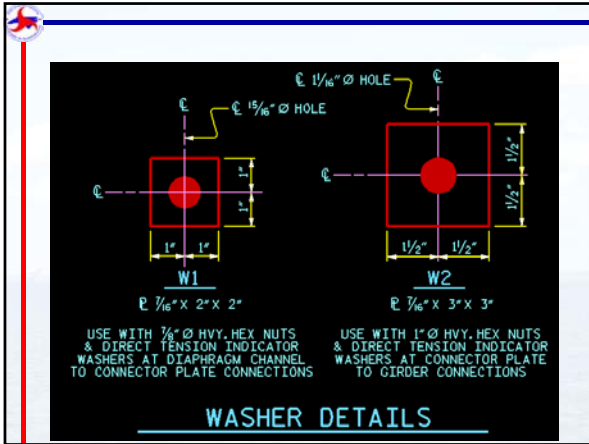
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**BOTTOM LINE....**

ERECT - 9 DIAPHRAGMS / DAY  
GO HOME

1 DAY FOR TYPICAL  
3 SPAN / 4 GIRDER BRIDGE

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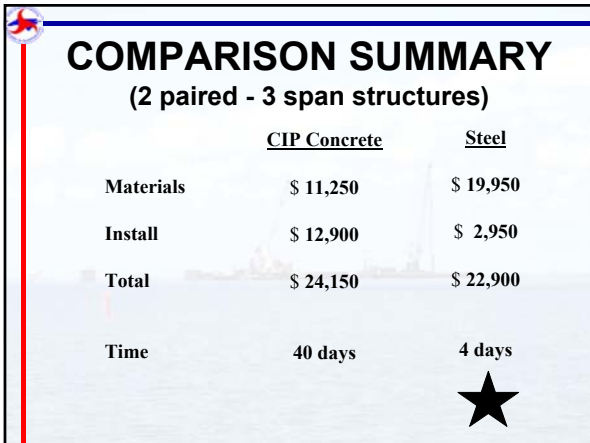
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**COMPARISON SUMMARY**  
(2 paired - 3 span structures)

	<u>CIP Concrete</u>	<u>Steel</u>
Materials	\$ 11,250	\$ 19,950
Install	\$ 12,900	\$ 2,950
Total	\$ 24,150	\$ 22,900
Time	40 days	4 days

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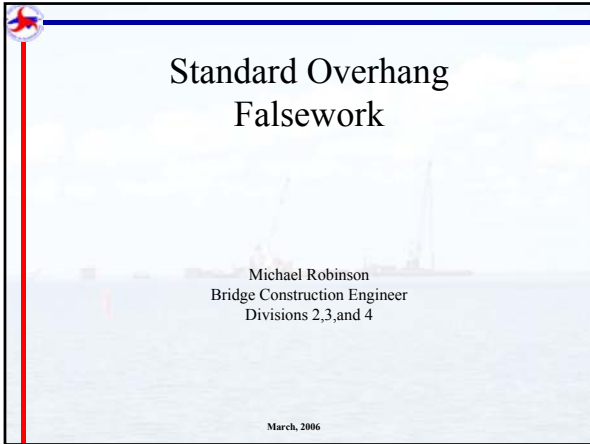
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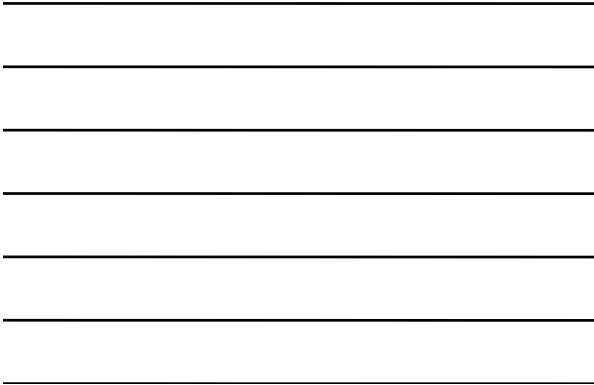
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- Eliminate the need for the Contractor to have or hire a Professional Engineer

# Structures Breakout

## Why Develop a Standard?

- Eliminate the need for the Contractor to have or hire a Professional Engineer
- Reduce the amount of time needed for preparation and review of overhang submittals

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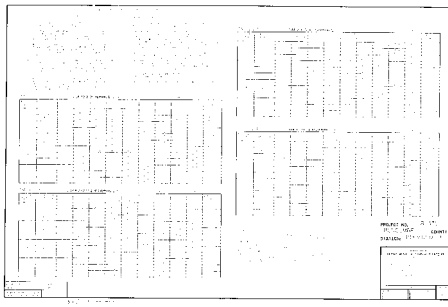
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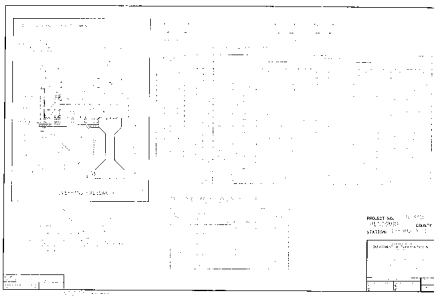
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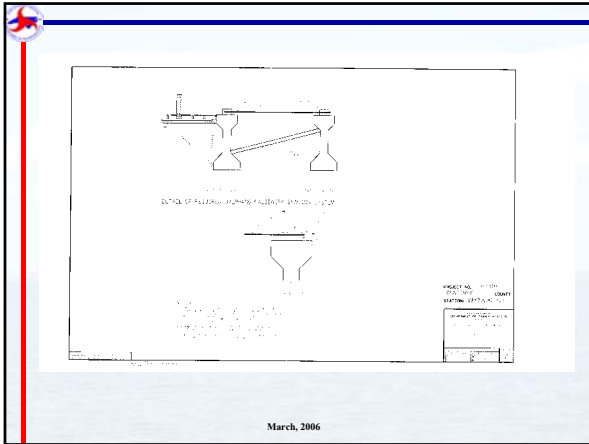
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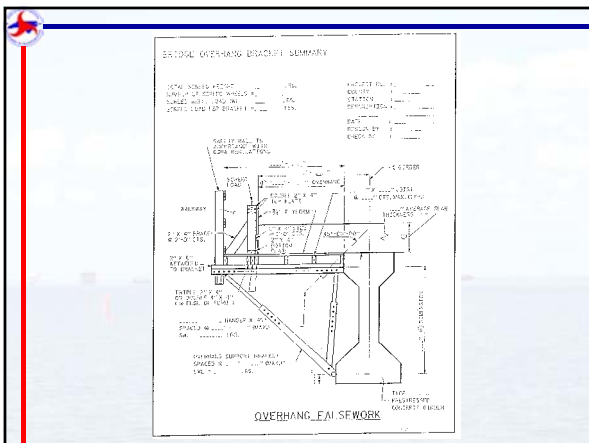
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# Structures Breakout



How is the standard working?

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How is the standard working?

- To date, 35 projects containing the standard have been let

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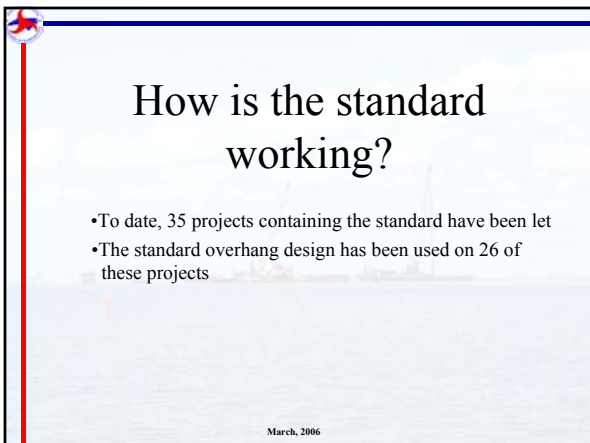
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How is the standard working?

- To date, 35 projects containing the standard have been let
- The standard overhang design has been used on 26 of these projects

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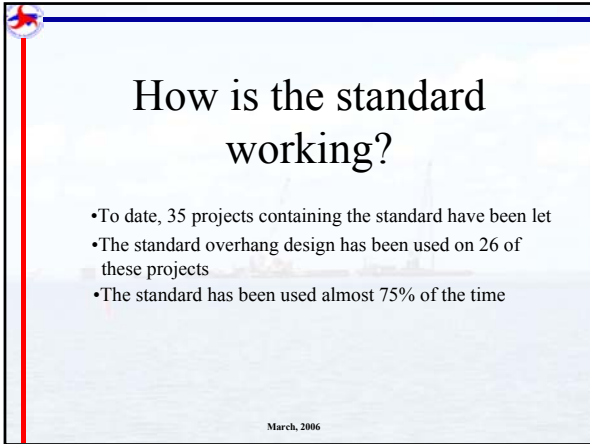
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How is the standard working?

- To date, 35 projects containing the standard have been let
- The standard overhang design has been used on 26 of these projects
- The standard has been used almost 75% of the time

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Where do we go from here?

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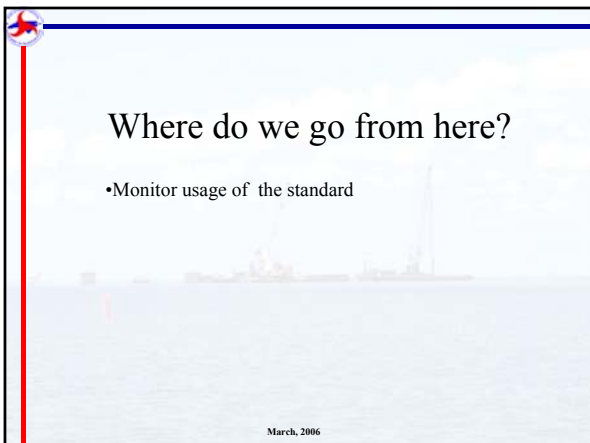
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Where do we go from here?

- Monitor usage of the standard

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Where do we go from here?

- Monitor usage of the standard
- Develop standard for modified bulb tee's

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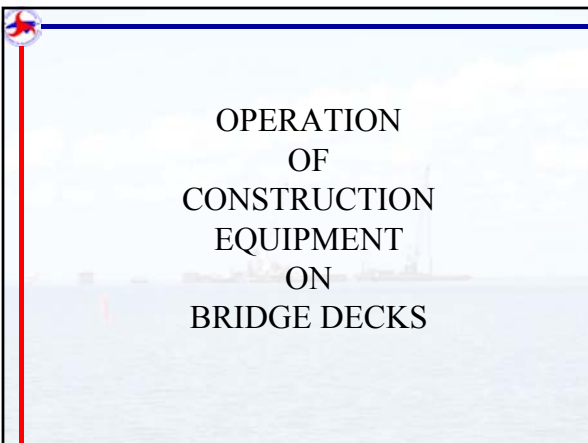
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OPERATION  
OF  
CONSTRUCTION  
EQUIPMENT  
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BRIDGE DECKS

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## WHY WORRY ABOUT IT?

- VISIBLE DAMAGE TO DECK.
- INVISIBLE DAMAGE TO DECK AND GIRDERS.



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## SOUNDS LIKE COMMON SENSE??

- IF SO...
- WE MUST HAVE AN APPLICABLE SPECIFICATION.

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## ARTICLE 420-20

- PLACING LOAD ON STRUCTURE MEMBERS
- NEXT TO LAST PARAGRAPH:
  - "DO NOT PLACE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR OTHER CONSTRUCTION LOADS ON ANY PART OF THE STRUCTURE WITHOUT PERMISSION. SUBMIT 7 COPIES OF THE PROPOSED PLANS FOR PLACING CONSTRUCTION LOADS ON THE STRUCTURE FOR REVIEW, COMMENTS, AND ACCEPTANCE."

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
Governor  
November 15, 2004  
LYNDO TIPPETT  
Secretary

MEMORANDUM TO: Division Engineers  
FROM: E. C. Powell, Jr., P.E.  
State Construction Engineer  
SUBJECT: Operation of Construction Equipment on Bridges

Article 420-20 of the Standard Specifications requires contractors to submit for review and approval plans to operate on or cross a bridge deck with heavy equipment that is not legally allowed on a roadway. Examples of equipment that fall under this requirement include, but are not limited to, crawler cranes, truck cranes and concrete pumping trucks operating with outriggers down, scrapers, off-road dump trucks, automatically controlled fine grading machines, and concrete paving machines.

In administering this requirement the following review authority applies:

1. Structure Design Unit will review plans for bridges that have been or are being constructed under the contract.
2. Bridge Maintenance will review plans for existing bridges in or adjacent to the project that are open to public traffic.
3. The Designer of Record will review and accept plans for Detour Bridges on the project that have been designed by the Contractor or consultant working for the Contractor. In this case, the Contractor must provide a letter to the Resident Engineer from the Designer of Record indicating that the proposed plan is acceptable. Details of the proposed operation must be submitted and sealed by the Design Engineer of Record.
4. The Resident Engineer will review all proposals to cross bridges with construction equipment that can legally cross a bridge but may cause damage to the bridge deck and joints. This includes, but is not limited to, asphalt paving machines and steel wheel rollers.

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In order to expedite the review, the following information should be obtained and submitted with the request:

- Make and model of the equipment including the manufacturer's catalog cuts
- General dimensions of the equipment, including width and length of tracks and spacing center to center of tracks or number and spacing of axles
- Weight of the equipment when traveling on the bridge including weight to be carried for individual axles
- Type of work being performed and weight of load to be lifted or carried by the equipment while on the bridge
- Size of construction mats to be used under the tracks or outriggers
- Spans that the equipment will be traveling on and exact locations on the spans
- Any other equipment, vehicles, or materials that will be on the span at the same time
- Proposed method for protecting joints or joint blockouts

Under no circumstances should heavy equipment be allowed on a bridge deck without prior approval. Upon completion of the work or crossing, both the contractor and the Department should inspect the deck and report any damage to the reviewing authority for further investigation.

Please direct any questions you have on this subject to the Bridge Construction Engineer for your Division.

ECP/tlj

cc: Mr. W. S. Varndoe, P.E.  
Mr. S. D. DeWitt, P.E.  
Resident Engineers  
Bridge Construction Engineers  
Roadway Construction Engineers  
Mr. Greg Perletti, P.E.  
Mr. John Emerson, P.E.

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## WHAT DO YOU NEED APPROVAL FOR??

- ANYTHING THAT CAN NOT LEGALLY OPERATE ON AN OPEN ROADWAY BECAUSE OF WEIGHT.
- ANYTHING THAT PLACES A CONCENTRATED LOAD ON THE DECK.
- ANYTHING THAT YOU THINK COULD DAMAGE THE DECK.

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## INCLUDING:

- CRAWLER CRANE

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## TRUCK CRANE



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## FINE GRADING OR CONCRETE PAVING EQUIPMENT



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## OTHERS?

- IF IN DOUBT, CONTACT YOUR EVER PLEASANT AND ALWAYS CHEERFUL BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER.



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## THE SUBMITTAL, WHERE DOES IT GO??

- STRUCTURE DESIGN UNIT
- BRIDGE MAINTENANCE UNIT
- DESIGNER OF RECORD FOR CONTRACTOR DESIGNED AND FURNISHED STRUCTURES
- RESIDENT ENGINEER

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## WHAT SHOULD THE SUBMITTAL INCLUDE?

- MAKE AND MODEL WITH CATALOGUE CUTS
- ALL DIMENSIONS THAT WILL CONTACT THE DECK
- ALL WEIGHTS, INCLUDING THE MATERIALS TO BE HANDLED
- WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

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## WHAT SHOULD THE SUBMITTAL INCLUDE?

- PROPOSED PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR THE DECK
- EXACT LOCATION OF LOADS ON THE DECK AND RELATION TO GIRDER LINES AND BENTS
- ANY OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT OR ANCILLARY MATERIALS THAT WILL LOAD THE DECK AT THE SAME TIME.

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## HOW DO WE REPAIR THE DECK AFTER DAMAGE?

- NOT VERY WELL!!!!
- PREVENTION IS THE BEST ANSWER.

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